THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) A number of voluntary consumer organisations are reported to be functioning in various parts of the country. A list is enclosed at Annexure-I. [*See* Appendix CXLI, Annexure No. 128].

(b) and (c) A list of consumer organisations which have received financial assistance from the Central Government is given in the enclosed Statement (*See* below). These organisations submit utilisation certificates in regard to the financial assistance given to them.

Statement

List of Associations receiving financial assistance from the Government

1. Surat Grahak Mandal, Surat.
2. Mahilla Dakshata Samiti, New Delhi.
3. Karnataka Consumers' Forum, Bangalore.
4. Consumers' Action Forum, Calcutta.
5. Consumer Service Society, New Delhi.
6. Akhil Bhartiya Grahak Panchayat, Pune.
7. Karnataka Consumer Service Society, Bangalore.
8. Consumer Giudance Society of India, Bombay.
9. Indian Federation of Consumer Organisations, New Delhi.
10. Visakha Consumers' Council, Vishakhapatnam.
11. Consumer Education and Research Centre, Ahmedabad.
12. National Consumer Front, New Delhi.
13. Mahila Udhogik Sahakari Society, Karad.
14. Consumers' Forum (Regd.), New Delhi.
15. Citizens' Forum, Hubli.
16. Institute of Tribal Dialect and Culture, Bhubaneshwar.
17. Society for Civic Rights, New Delhi.
18. Trichy District Consumer Council, Trichy.
19. Consumer Guidance Society of Jamshedpur, Jamshedpur.
20. Consumers' Association, Bhimavaram.

Night shelters in metropolitan cities

2899 DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to open 'more Ran Baseras' or night shelters in metropolitan cities of the country other than Delhi;

(b) if so, by when these night shelters or Ran Baseras are likely to be opened; and

(c) if answer to part (a) above be in negative, what are the main difficulties in launching this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) to (c) Urban Development is a State subject. The question of providing Ran Baseras or night shelters in metropolitan cities is the concern of the respective State Governments and Union Territories. HUDCO have on different occasions requested the Housing and Urban Development agencies in different States for formulation of such projects with HUDCO loan assistance. No such project have been forwarded so far by the eligible Housing and Urban Development agencies in the States/UTs.